

Remarks

Claim Rejections and Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 11-13 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the patent to Santos (US 4,837,635). The Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the patent to Aoyama (US 5,136,399). The Examiner rejected claims 4-9 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Santos in view of the patent to Hsu (6,256,117). The Examiner rejected claims 17 and 18 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aoyama in view of Hsu. The Examiner objected to claim 10 but indicated it would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the allowability of claim 10, the recitations of claim 10 have been incorporated into independent claims 1, 14, and 19 herein. Claim 10 has been canceled herein. Various claims have been amended herein to correct minor typographical errors and/or grammatical errors. It is believed the amendments presented herein place all claims in a condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

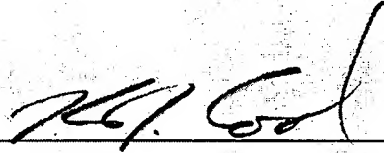
The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, Kenneth J. Cool, at (720) 227-9445 if there remains any issue with allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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